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APPLICANT:

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TITLE:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SEALING TISSUE LEAKS

Box Missing Parts Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 3-41, 43-48, 52-55, 63-81, 87-88, 91-96, and 98-167 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-41, 43-48, 52-55, 63-81, 87-88, 91-96, and 98-167 are canceled without prejudice and without any intention to abandon the subject matter claimed therein. Indeed, Applicants may still pursue claims of equal, lesser or greater scope. A clean copy of the complete set of pending claims, as amended, is attached hereto. No new matter has been added by this amendment.